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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST

1. IN PREPARING SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE FOR TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST, EMBASSIES SHOULD KEEP FOLLOWING IN MIND.
2. SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO MEET BRIEFLY WITH AMBASSADOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UPON ARRIVAL FOR DISCUSSION ON SUBSTANCE OF VISIT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL

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NECESSARY BUT AMBASSADOR MAY INCLUDE ONE OR TWO KEY EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN MEETING IF HE DESIRES. REALIZE THAT THIS MAY NOT PROVE POSSIBLE IN CASE OF BEIRUT GIVEN BRIEF DURATION OF VISIT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR SECRETARY TO MEET WITH MISSION STAFF AS WAS DONE IN FEBRUARY.

3. RE MEETINGS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, SECRETARY WANTS TO EMPHASIZE WORKING MEETINGS AND MEALS, AND MINIMIZE PROTOCOL FUNCTIONS, BUT WILL DEFER TO HOSTS IF THEY ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO LARGER SOCIAL DINNER, FOR EXAMPLE. SINCE TIME WILL BE SHORT AT EACH STOP, SECRETARY PREFERS THAT LOCAL SIGHTSEEING AND SIDE TRIPS NOT BE SCHEDULED.

4. SECRETARY IS PREPARED FOR SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS AS LOCAL PROTOCOL DICTATES, ALTHOUGH YOU SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE SUCH MEETINGS SINCE HE ATTACHES PRINCIPAL IMPORTANCE TO MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN, PRESIDENTS SADAT AND ASSAD, KING HUSSEIN, CROWN PRINCE FAHD AND PRESIDENT SARKIS. SECRETARY WILL OF COURSE BE PREPARED TO PAY HIS RESPECTS TO KING KHALID.

5. U.S. SIDE AT MOST MEETINGS WILL CONSIST OF SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR, HABIB, ATHERTON AND NOTETAKER. SHOULD HOST GOVERNMENT SIDE BE LARGER IN NUMBER, U.S. SIDE MAY BE ADJUSTED UPWARDS TO INCLUDE OTHER MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY. NOTETAKING WILL BE DONE BY MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY AND IT WILL NORMALLY BE DECIDED JUST PRIOR TO MEETING WHO WILL TAKE NOTES.

6. RE MRS. VANCE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON A PROGRAM FOR HER. SHE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES. RE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, SHE HOPES THAT
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THEY CAN BE KEPT TO MINIMUM AND IN ANY CASE WILL BE
SIMPLE AFFAIRS.

7. YOU SHOULD CONSULT URGENTLY WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS AND
SUBMIT PROPOSED SCHEDULE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. VANCE

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